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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: THE NEUTRON BOMB

1. ALTHOUGH PRESIDENT CARTER'S DECISION TO POSTPONE THE PRODUCTION OF THE NEUTRON BOMB IS "A GOOD START TOWARD DISARMAMENT, THE MOVE IS "REGRETTABLE" IN THE ABSENCE OF A SIMILAR RESPONSE ON THE PART OF THE SOVIET UNION, COMMENTS ASSISTANT EDITOR NTOTO WAKU ON THE FRONT PAGE OF KINSHASA DAILY ELIMA APRIL 11. NTOTO WAKU NOTES THAT WHILE PRESIDENT CARTER HAS TAKEN THIS IMPORTANT STEP, THE SOVIETS HAVE FAILED TO MAKE A SINGLE CONCESSION. ON THE CONTRARY, SAYS THE EDITOR, THEY ARE KEEPING UP "THE ARMEMENT RACE BY CONTINUING TO BUILD UP THEIR MILITARY FORCES".

2. MR. NTOTO WAKU POINTS OUT THAT THE PRODUCTION OF THE NEUTRON BOMB WOULD GIVE NATO COUNTRIES AN ADVANTAGE OVER THE SOVIET UNION BECAUSE SOVIET SPECIALISTS, "WHO ARE SCARED ABOUT THE BOMB", DO NOT UNDERSTAND PRESENTLY HOW TO MAKE ONE. HE INDICATES THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAS CALLED ON THE SOVIET UNION FOR RESTRAINT IN ITS MISSILE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, THE PRODUCTION OF OTHER ARMS AND ITS MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN OTHER COUNTRIES, IN EXCHANGE FOR A U.S. DECISION AGAINST THE PRODUCTION OF THE NEUTRON BOMB. THE EDITOR ENDS HIS COMMENT BY ASKING "WHAT CONCESSIONS PRESIDENT CARTER OBTAINED FROM THE SOVIET UNION BEFORE HE DECIDED TO POSTPONE THE PRODUCTION OF

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